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# History and Charter Members

of

## First Baptist Church

Pensacola, Florida

1847 — 1947

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In this year the first church was erected on Government Street. In May 1880 a baptistry was built costing \$ 150.00

The minutes show the first mission offering September 1856 amounting to \$ 5.00 for associational minutes and \$ 50.00 for our missionary.

The church passed through trying times from 1856 to 1870. In 1867 the church building was seized by federal authorities and turned over to the negro members of the church and remained in their possession until 1873 when it was restored to the original owners. In 1870 a Sabbath School was organized. The old church was reorganized October 9, 1870, with no colored members and they were not allowed in its membership. It was at this time that the name "First Baptist Church of Pensacola" was adopted.

It was during the ministry of Rev. J.H. Curry, the 10th pastor, that the need for a larger and better church in a more suitable location developed. A special meeting of the church was called for April 1, 1891, to discuss the matter. A resolution was unanimously adopted declaring it to be the sense of the church that a new building was needed to meet the demands of the congregation, and the work to begin at once. A building Com. was appointed as follows; Mr. J.W. Lurton, Mr. W.D. Chipley, Rev. F.C. Waite, Mr. T.V. Kessler and Mr. A.V. Clubbs.







Mr. Lurton was largely responsible for our magnificent organ. It was built especially for this church. Mr. Lurton was organist for a number of years.

The first church building located on Government St. was sold in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Chipley gave a deed to the property where our auditorium now stands on July 6, 1894. The present church building proper was erected during the ministry of Rev. A.P. Rugh and the first service initiated was held on April 28, 1895.

We had two ministers who lost their lives in yellow fever epidemics, Rev. P.H. Jundy in 1873 and Rev. Z.A. Owens in 1882.

The first world war came and the church did her share in caring for the great number of recruits for the army and navy at Ft. Barrancas and the Naval Air Station, and young men from our church answered the call to arms.

Dr. A.J. Moncrief became our pastor in 1821. during his ministry the church was enlarged and redecorated. His son A.J. Jr. was ordained to the ministry in our church.

This church has been the nucleus from which other Baptist churches have been organized: East Hill, Whitfield Memorial, Seventh Ave. and Southside Mission.

It was during the ministry of Dr. G.J. Rousseau that the property east of the church was purchased. Dr. Allen S.





Cutts who succeeded Dr. Rousseau, refinanced the church debt of \$ 25,000.00 so that it could be gradually wiped out. The state convention again met with our church December 5-6 1933.

Dr. Wallace R. Rogers came to us in July 1939. Under his leadership a large educational building has been erected, the church has been redecorated, the property north of the church has been purchased, a southside mission has been organized, plans for a Baptist Hospital are being perfected. Dr. Rogers was elected president of The Florida Baptist Convention for 1946-1947.

In the second world war we maintained a well organized service center. In the armed forces we had 150 men, including three deacons, and several young women serving as nurses and in other branches. The opportunity to minister to service personnel in the Pensacola area has been taken advantage of by our church, both in war and in peace.

Since 1939, when Dr. Rogers came to us, our membership has grown to 2,292, Our gifts for all purposes for the year ending September 30, 1946 totaled \$ 82,208.32.





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White Chatter Members of First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida  
Ch. for Members First Baptist Church Pensacola, Florida.

Aaron Mondrik  
 Mary Mondrik  
 Joseph A. Steele  
 Jane A. Steele  
 Henry Menden  
 William L. Jamison  
 John A. Bailey  
 Marston Sawyer  
 James McCullough  
 William J. Sanders  
 Elder Joseph Mitchell  
 Jackson Dean  
 Isaac Abrams  
 A.C. McCordie  
 Stephen Goss  
 Shady Ann Jones  
 Sarah Francis  
 Jane Tabor  
 Luvinia Ann Barge  
 Mercy McCloskey  
 Ann Howais  
 Naomi Sawyer  
 Wilcora Taptola  
 Nancy McCullough  
 Sarah McDavid  
 Elder W.C. Morrow  
 William Pershee  
 Rev. James Langley  
 Osborne B. Chautener  
 William M. Russell  
 Robert Anthony  
 John D. Beck  
 James L. Beck  
 J.B. McFarland  
 Willie J. Wilna  
 Elder T.C. Henderson  
 John C. Johnson  
 Franklin T. Lee  
 William A. Jones  
 Andrew J. Jones  
 Albert Jono  
 Willis Sturdivant  
 J.L. Arnn  
 Joseph Lewis  
 Richard Bonifay

John Sawyer  
 E.L. Thornton  
 Alexander Brown  
 B.W. Sealey  
 Elizabeth Aldrich  
 Elizabeth Heddens  
 Louise Dean  
 Chedience McCordie  
 Love D. Ann McCordie  
 Martha Ann Morrow  
 Susan Jordan  
 Susan T. Massell  
 Sarah H. Beck  
 Celina Scott  
 Mrs. Francis Anthony  
 Liza Langley  
 Susan Long  
 Sarah McDonald  
 Mary Miller  
 Margate Sturdivant  
 Billy Johnson  
 Francis M. Lee  
 Martha H. Avery  
 Elizabeth A. Peyton  
 Martha Willard  
 Mrs. Caroline Hanfey  
 Catherine Ayer  
 Susan D. Martin  
 Mrs. S. Patterson  
 Emily T. Beck  
 Mrs. Lucy Dean  
 Harrison  
 Sarah Maurice  
 Nancy Lewis  
 John Johnson  
 Ben C. Johnson  
 W.J. Drwin  
 Nathan Lincoln  
 E.P. Scott  
 C.J. Hatch  
 A.M. Sturdivant  
 Mary Doko  
 Elizabeth Barling  
 Delilah A. Jones





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White Charter Members First Baptist Church  
Pensacola, Florida 1847

Mason Bell  
William Garner  
William Phillips  
Silas Johnson  
Moses T. Smith  
Mrs. Moses Smith  
Susan Taylor  
Mrs. Margaret Burkitt  
Mrs. Elizabeth Garner  
Miss Nancy Sills  
Mrs. Jane Brown  
Mr. S. C. Johnson  
Mrs. E. Lineam  
Amanda Roberts  
Catherine Scott  
Mrs. Mary W. Hatch  
Rebecca Beck

Mary Gibson  
Vienna Lewis  
Jane Garner  
Leannora Beck  
John Smith  
Mrs. Susan Smith  
Mrs. C. L. McDonald  
Caroline Garner  
Miss Matilda Phillips  
Mrs. Box  
Mrs. Sarah Hunt  
Mrs. W. F. Irwin  
Fattie H. Henderson  
Elizabeth Roberts  
Mrs. James E. (C) Poeck  
Mrs. Mildna Hatch





COLORED MEMBERS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT ITS BEGINNING IN 1847

Pensacola, Florida

Names of colored members of the First Baptist Church. 1847

Samia Williams	Ben Barnes
Matilda Penny	Broxton Willis
Jefferson Roberson	Lucius Moreno
Alister A L Evans	Jefferson Moreno
Edmond Bright	Daniel Caldwell
John Bell	Clary Jordan
Ann Jones	Henry Grule
Jan Mitchell	Palace Butler
Jacob Stewart	Brackston Wilson
Charles Jones	Fanny Caldwell
Tener Mitchell	Benjamin Keyser
Lydia Dallas	Peggy Lloyd
Ben Churey	James Bicker
Mary Emerarity	Aaron Bicker
Daniel Jamison	Charles Sutton
Nelson	Joe Spears
William Moreno	Giles Thornton
Ruffian Edmonds	Eli Carter
Burnfold Bright	Ester Mitchell
Tom Gonzales	Lewis Johnson
Hanson Moreno	Moses Anderson
Henry Mitchell	Ester
Jimney Gonzales	Henrietta Jenkins
John Skipper	Matilda Scott
Fanny Curtis	Frank Barkley
Thornton Caldwell	Perry Salter
Geo Beck	Perry Conigas
Ad Line Toward	Sophronia Bright
Charles Broomeham	Samuel Stockton
Lacy Willis	Sarah Bright
Lovim. Glesston	Flora Coming
William Collins	Thompson Webb
Maria Borr	Hesiah Rowe
Polly Collins	Louisa Bright
Samuel Dallas	Isabella Gonzales
Gerces Knowles	Agnus Myer
Chancy Myer	Jacob Caldwell
Thomas Evans	Mahola Jones
Joe Myer	Fanny Caldwell
Nancy Baker	Robert Morton
Venus Lloyd	Lewis Crosby
Ned Morton	Solomon Crosby
Daniel Willis	Harry Scott
Andrew Beck	Jim Serra
Ben Robertson	Phillip Willis
John Bright	Rachel Pearson
Mahala Francis	Philip Sleet
Henry Carter	Simon Taylor
Simon Willis	Peter





COLORED MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

NAME of colored members of the first Baptist Church.

James Samuel	Leaty Johnson
E. J. Cicero	James Campbell
William Lindsey	Lewis Dickson
Mabriel Avery	Harry Campbell
Thomas Samuel	Betsy Deferoach
Richard Johnson	Harry Fisher
Polly Taylor	Harrison Johnson
Ephraim Willis	Fanny Spilman
Dilcy Johnson	Joseph Willis
Mary Samuel	Ann Dallas
Robert Moreno	Luckey Christian
Antilda Boreighty	Fanny Moore
Mary Kelly	Thornton Norton
Betsy Ingraham	Harry Hulce
Richard Bright	Peter Dickson
Cecor Bright	Marion Francis
Benjamin Gonzales	George W. Willis
Elizabeth	Haze White
Antilda Rosiker	Abraham King
Jane Sunday	Joan Fisher
Michael Harrison	Elin. Avery
Mary Scaldin	Ad Line Moreno
Caty Willis	Eddy Thompson
Alex Willis	Kitty Samuel
Gray Stroughn	Nancy Gonzales
William Welbone	Cicero Long
Moses Bright	Hannah Gomersy
Oliver Jones	John Lindsey
Sharlott Hewmis	Priscilla Moreno
Adeline Davis	Alfred Moton
Harriet Sierra	Anny Teril
Lizzy Morrow	Aneta Gomersy
Richard Lindsey	Samuel Clinet
Delsey Lindsey	William Sams
Cecor Bright	William Cuper
Joe Campbell	David Willis
Patty Scott	Anthony Willis
Reubin Lankin	Charles Davis
Andrew Lankin	Nancy Brosenham
Maria Bright	Lucy Strong
Mary Slater	Jane Bush
Polly Morton	Willis Fell
Charity Johnson	Simon Jones
Simon Jones	Prudence Bright

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Names of colored persons, Florida Baptist Church.

George Willis  
Isabella Ingraham  
Nancy Mitchell  
Harry Caldwell  
Nelson Ben one  
Bartha Dallas  
Rosanna Bird  
Phillis Gonzales  
Redick Jones  
Naty Ahrens  
Anelia Beck  
Benn Scott  
Ginny  
Betsy Baker  
William Chapman  
Mary Baker  
Eliza Simpson  
Rosa Scott

Van Hyer  
Anthony Turner  
Oliver Jones  
Henry Banks  
Maria Sparrow  
Fanny Mallory  
Stephen Gonzales  
Henry Robertson  
Ephraim Mallory  
Anna Swan  
Peter Swan  
Joe Cook  
Ellen Swan  
Jane Jones  
Rosa  
Coly Sturdevant  
Harriet Edmondson

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